East Windsor Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes for Thursday April 10, 2014

Opening:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the East Windsor Town Hall Meeting room by Chairman Jim Barton. Members present: Jim Barton, Rick Webster, Vic Decapua, Paul Hunter, Ed Filipone, Scott Morgan, and Bob Lyke. A quorum was present. Alternate members present: Mary Morgan. Absent: Gil Hayes.

Chairman Jim Barton led the commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: There was no public in attendance.

Communications:

- **1.)** Rep. Kiner from Enfield sent by mail to the commission: Resources for Veterans material(s).
- **2.)** American Warrior Day Honor Flight to Washington D.C. open to WW II and Korean War Veterans. Materials were handed to all commission members.

<u>Scholarships:</u> Applications are available for high school seniors. Discussion was deferred to May 1, 2014 which is the next Commission meeting.

<u>Memorial Day Activities:</u> Jim Barton provided a timeline checklist to all commission members. The flags for the cemeteries are on hand. The street flags will be installed in May. Three wreaths for the ceremony will be ordered.

At the May meeting the cemetery flag placement assignments will be assigned.

A discussion was held to add the names of deceased members of the commission to the Memorial Day program. A motion was made to add the deceased member names to the program by Rick Webster. The motion was seconded by Scott Morgan. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton with six votes in favor. Ed Filipone abstained. Motion carried.

An alternate foul weather ceremony site was designated as the town hall annex.

PTSD: Bob Lyke provided information to the commission about the PTSD foundation of North Central Connecticut. He explained the foundation's purpose and goal(s). Bob also told the commission about an upcoming foundation fundraiser providing the date, time, location, and cost.

Added Agenda Items: Mark Simmons made a request of the Commission to help finance a flag pole with installment at the Park Hill housing area on Windsorville Rd. The quoted cost is \$700.00. A discussion followed with one idea proposed that the Commission buy the pole and the Housing Authority will handle the installation. Another suggestion was the Commission make a partial monetary donation. Consensus of the Commission is to pay 100 per cent of the cost if approved. Scott Morgan made a motion for the Commission to pay 50 per cent of the total cost of the flag pole. Bob Lyke second the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Six members voted no. One member voted yes. Motion defeated.

A motion was made by Vic Decapua to discuss the flag pole donation at a later date after more cost information is obtained. The motion was seconded by Ed Filipone. A vote was taken by

Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed. Ed Filipone volunteered to obtain more cost information.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Filipone presented a report of the Commission's treasury status. Ed produced the invoices for the yearly replenishment of cemetery and street flags for the upcoming Memorial Day activities. A motion was made by Bob Lyke the accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Scott Morgan seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.

<u>New Business:</u> Ed Filipone_mentioned that the flag pole at the Windsorville cemetery is not illuminated. Ed stated he will look into the repair/replacement of the light.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM by Chairman Jim Barton

Submitted by Rick Webster on behalf of Scott Morgan, Secretary of EWVC